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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Channel Islands National Park Draft General Management Plan/Wilderness Study Project, California. (CEQ# 20150104)

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Channel Islands National Park Draft General Management Plan/Wilderness Study Project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA continues to support the goal of restoring and maintaining natural ecosystems in the Channel Islands National Park. EPA previously reviewed the Draft EIS for the Channel Islands Project and provided comments on February 6, 2014. We rated the Draft EIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2), due to our concerns regarding water quality, biological resources, and potential indirect impacts as a result of induced growth. We thank the National Park Service for addressing all of EPA's comments, including providing additional information regarding the project's programmatic nature. We note additions to the FEIS summary and introduction sections, which both state, "Because the general management plan is a programmatic document, future compliance documents will tier off this plan".

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this FEIS. When the ROD is released, please send one hard copy and one CD to the address above (mail code: ENF-4-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or have your staff contact James Munson, the lead reviewer for this project. James can be reached at (415) 972-3852 or Munson.James@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Fot Kathleen Martyn Goforth, Manager
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